

SENATE BILL 164

By McNally

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 2,
Chapter 10, Part 3, relative to campaign
contribution limits.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 2-10-302, is amended by adding the following as a new subsection thereto:

(d) The use of a candidate's personal monies is not subject to the limitations of this section but affects the application of these limitations to the candidate's opponents as follows:

(1) For a candidate for an office other than a statewide office:

(A) If a candidate contributes or promises amounts of more than twelve thousand dollars (\$12,000) of those personal monies, the candidate, within twenty-four (24) hours, excluding Saturdays, Sundays and other legal holidays, shall give written notice by certified mail of the amount contributed as of the date of the notice to all other candidates and the candidates' campaign committees for the same office at the address on file with the registry of election finance and to the registry. Other candidates for the same office and contributors to those candidates are not subject to the limitations of subsections (a), (b) and (c) of this section after receiving the notice until these candidates receive contributions totaling the amount of personal monies contributed or promised by the candidate giving this notice.

(B) For each additional accumulation of contributions or promises of that candidate's personal monies that totals at least six thousand

dollars (\$6,000), the candidate, within twenty-four (24) hours excluding Saturdays, Sundays and other legal holidays, shall give written notice by certified mail of the amount contributed or promised as of the date of the notice. The notice shall be given as prescribed in subdivision (A). Other candidates for the same office and contributors to those candidates are not subject to the limitations of subsections (a), (b) and (c) of this section after receiving the notice until these candidates receive contributions totaling the amount of personal monies contributed or promised by the candidate giving this notice.

(2) For a candidate for a statewide office:

(A) If a candidate contributes or promises amounts of more than twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) of those personal monies, the candidate, within twenty-four (24) hours, excluding Saturdays, Sundays and other legal holidays, shall give written notice by certified mail of the amount contributed or promised as of the date of the notice to all other candidates and the candidates' campaign committees for the same office at the address on file with the registry of election finance and to the registry. Other candidates for the same office and contributors to those candidates are not subject to the limitations of subsections (a), (b) and (c) of this section after receiving the notice until these candidates receive contributions totaling the amount of personal monies contributed or promised by the candidate giving this notice.

(B) For each additional accumulation of contributions or promises of that candidate's personal monies that totals at least twelve thousand dollars (\$12,000), the candidate, within twenty-four (24) hours excluding

Saturdays, Sundays and other legal holidays, shall give written notice of the amount contributed or promised as of the date of the notice. The notice shall be given as prescribed in subdivision (A). Other candidates for the same office and contributors to those candidates are not subject to the limitations of subsections (a), (b) and (c) of this section after receiving the notice until these candidates receive contributions totaling the amount of personal monies contributed or promised by the candidate giving this notice.

(3) If any notice prescribed by this subsection is not timely given the other candidates are not subject to the limitations of subsections (a), (b) and (c) of this section for an additional six hundred dollars (\$600) for each day the notice was delinquent.

(4) Notwithstanding any other provision of this subsection, the amount of contributions that a candidate may receive and that is not subject to the limitations of subsections (a), (b) and (c) of this section shall not be greater than the largest amount of personal contributions, plus any additional amounts due to delinquent notices, made by any other single candidate for the same office.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2007, the public welfare requiring it.